

**REMARKS**

Applicant, by the amendments presented above, has made a concerted effort to present claims which more clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance.

***Claim Rejection - Double Patenting***

Claims 1-16 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of United States Patent No. 6,662,803. Applicant encloses a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection. Entry is requested.

It appears that once the Terminal Disclaimer is accepted, then claims 3-9, 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant requests confirmation of same.

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102***

Claims 1, 2, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by United States Patent No. 703,948 to Muntz. Claims 1, 2 and 10-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 98/34665 to Kwok.

Reconsideration of the rejections in view of the amendments to the claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to specify "a frame member mountable over said at least one aperture, and a diffusing member, said diffusing member being juxtaposed between said frame member and said at least one aperture."; independent claim 11 has been amended to specify "a frame member mountable over said at least one aperture, and a diffusing member, said

diffusing member being juxtaposed between said frame member and said at least one aperture"; and independent claim 13 has been amended to specify "a frame member and a disposable medium, said disposable medium adapted to be juxtaposed in use between said frame member and said at least one vent".

Applicant submits that neither Kwok nor Muntz disclose these limitations. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11 and 13, as amended, are novel over Kwok or Muntz. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 11 and 13 is requested.

Claims 2-10, 12 and 14-16 are dependent upon one of claims 1, 11 or 13, which Applicant submits is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is requested.

A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is concurrently submitted herewith to extend the date for response up to and including June 9, 2005.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the application are allowable over the rejections of the Examiner. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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